can be office bearers of associations of Central Government employees;

(b) if so, the details of relevant provisions in this regard ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c) As per clauses 4(d) and 4(e) of the Central Civil Service (Recognition of Service Association) Rules, 1959, (which are at present inoperative for the purpose of granting fresh recognition), no person who is not a Government servant can be connected with the affairs of the service association or can be appointed as an executive of the Service Associations of Central Government Employees.

Damage to Mirage-2000 Combat Aircrafts in Gwalior

829. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI :
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :
SHRI ATAL BEHARI VAJPAYEE :
SHRI DIPEN GHOSH :
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :
SHRI M. A. BABY :
SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN :
DR. R. K. PODDAR :
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :
DR. BAPU KALDATE :
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL :
SHRI JAGADISH JANI :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that eight Mirage-2000 combat aircrafts were badly damaged in a hanger collapse at an airbase in Gwalior in May this year ; if so, the extent of damage to the aircrafts, maintenance and auxiliary equipment and electronic system and equipment;

(b) what is the number of personnel injured in this mishap and the number of damaged aircrafts which would have to be written off and the reasons for this mishap ;

(c) whether the experts had taken all precautions while modifying the hanger about four years ago ;

(d) how much time is likely to be taken for repairs and the testing of the planes for their operational readiness and the number of aircrafts which have been repaired and put in action ; and

(e) whether, after the mishap, other Mirage planes were taken out and kept in the open for some days ; if so, what protective measures have been taken to avoid the recurrence of such mishaps ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L BAITHA) : (a) The aircraft damaged in the hanger collapse have sustained only minor damage to the skin surface involving mainly tail fins and fuselage.

(b) 2 airmen and 2 contractor's labourrers suffered superficial injuries. None of the aircraft will have to be written off. The hanger roof collapsed due to the structural failure of the load-bearing members.

(c) *Prima facie* the engineers failed to carry out a structural analysis to ascertain the load bearing capacity

of the hanger before imposing additional load.

(d) All the damaged aircrafts are expected to be repaired and made flightworthy by end of August 1989.

(e) Yes, Sir. Engineers have been instructed to verify and ensure the structural safety of all such hangers.

Cadres of Central Secretariat Service

830. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of C.S.S. Cadres ;

(b) whether Government have fixed the strength of Central Secretariat Service officers for each category ;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(d) if reply to part (b) above be in negative, in what manner Government regulate the promotion prospects of Central Secretariat Service officers without their stipulated strength ;

(e) whether the non-fixation of strength of the Central Secretariat Service officers has resulted into arbitrary Government decisions to the disadvantage of Central Secretariat Service Officers' promotion prospects ;

(f) whether Government propose to set up a committee to consider the promotion prospects of Central Secretariat Service, as compared to other services and review the cadre & avenues ; and

(g) if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) There are 33 Cadres/Ministries/Departments participating in the CSS. The Central Secretariat Service consists of four grades, namely (i) Assistants' Grade, (ii) S.O's Grade, (iii) Grade-I (Under Secretary) and (iv) Selection Grade (Dy. Secretary). Assistants and SOs' grades are decentralised and the number of duty posts in these two grades is fixed by the respective cadres. The US and DS Grades are however centralised grades covered under the Central Staffing Scheme.

(c) and (d) The total number of duty posts in the two decentralised grades of Assistants and SOs as on 1-4-88 was 4971 and 2261 respectively. In the US and DS Grades, there are no specific posts exclusively earmarked for CSS officers. The Promotions of CSS officers to US/DS Grades if regulated by the size of the panel based on well established formulae taking into account the likely retirements and promotions of CSS officers to higher grades as also those proceeding on deputation/training etc.

(e) and (f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

Deaths due to meningitis in Orissa

831. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the States where meningitis is taking a large toll every year ;

(b) whether Orissa is one of the States where the tribals, mostly from Koraput and Phulabani districts fall the victims of this dreaded disease ; and